

## Monthly Town Board Meeting – December 19, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 7 in attendance; 2 non-residents present including Town Attorney, Robert Sorenson

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on December 12, 2011 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on December 16, 2011.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman ó Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 ó Present;

Neil Freeman, Supervisor 2 ó Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer ó Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk ó Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Approve November 14<sup>th</sup> Public Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 14<sup>th</sup> Public Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Approve Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to approve the November 14, 2011 Monthly Town Board Minutes. A second to the motion was made by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Supervisor Freeman to approve the November 30, 2011 Treasurer's Report as presented & read. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: (a)Move Funds to Street Lights Account: Motion to Approve moving \$51.20 from the Contingency Fund into the Street Lights Account was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried. (b)Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Sup. Shaw/Sup. Freeman to approve payment of Vouchers 23792 through 23830, with Exception of Void Check #23793, dated November 15, 2011 through December 19, 2011, and Direct Withdrawal of Social Security, Medicare & Federal Taxes of \$1,158.37, for a total of \$36,523.19. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: None.

Plan Commission: (a)Update/Monthly Report: Plan Commission Chair Shaw reported that there was no December meeting. Next Scheduled Meeting (if Needed): Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall.

Building Inspector: (a) Report for November-December: Lowell Wickman-Ebert Rd: Replace Second Story of Detached Garage/Repair Fire Damage; Ben & Patty Bressler-New Home. Monthly Total: \$471,879.00 Year to Date Total: \$1,389,079. Motion to accept the November-December Building Inspector's Report as written was made by Chairman Curns & seconded by Supervisor Shaw. Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer: (a)Animal Report Forms/Veterinary Invoice/s: None (b)Citation Letter/s: None issued.

Attorney Sorenson-Driftwood Road School Bus Turn-Around Concerns/Other Questions: Attorney Sorenson was asked to be present to answer follow-up questions from the November Meeting. Bernie Ritchie approached the Town to see if the Town would purchase the land to improve the turn-around situation-for school buses & trash/recycling hauler. Attorney Sorenson advised the Town Board that the Board could acquire by eminent domain/condemnation, but that the Board did not have the authority to just purchase the land. This type of issue has to go to the people at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Electors-this is required per Wisconsin Statute. An appraisal and Certified Survey Map would be required ó Town Assessor would not be sufficient. Concern about the Town owning water frontage, contact Waupaca County Parks Department. Will be added to the Town's Annual Meeting in April.

Remote Wells for Fire Protection Discussion: Due to insurance/fire rating concerns with the Driftwood Road/Weyauwega area being more than five miles away from the nearest hydrant, a remote well was brought up as a possible alternative. Chairman Curns spoke with the New London Fire Department to ask if this type of situation would be acceptable. Clerk Zielinski spoke with the Waupaca County Highway Department if they thought this was something the Town could do ó County Highway Commissioner felt this was doable as long as there was proper access. As Town Attorney Sorenson was present, the Board asked for his input, Attorney Sorenson felt this would make sense, but recommended the Town hire an engineer. Payment of the well/s would be done as a one-time special assessment to the property owners that would benefit. Board asked for input from those present as to the feasibility of pursuing a remote well. Felt that it would be worth obtaining more information. Advised to check with several insurance agents to verify that this arrangement would actually be beneficial to property owners. Will be added to future agenda.

Roads: (a)Monthly Report: Snowplow truck fire in heater- repaired. Grader ready to go. (b)Road Equipment- Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: (c)Tree Trimming Projects: Waiting for Asplundh to finish before deciding projects. Klatt & Ostrander mentioned. Will also check with the Waupaca County Highway Department to get pricing/feasibility. Add to January Agenda. (d)Discussion-Transfer Town Half of Beckert Road to City: Chairman Curns spoke with the City; they will consider it & let us know when it gets added to a meeting.

Meetings/Training/Waupaca County Zoning Hearings: **Attended:** (1) Town Board attended the 7:00 p.m., November 22<sup>nd</sup> Weyauwega Area Fire District Meeting held at the Weyauwega Fire Department. (2) Supervisor Shaw attended the December 8<sup>th</sup> Waupaca County Zoning Hearing for Dave Stern at the Waupaca County Courthouse. **Upcoming:**

Rafts-Motion to Not Renew Licenses of Rafts not in Compliance: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Freeman to not renew raft licenses, including raft number & raft owner, of those not in compliance, for one year. Second to the motion was made by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Weyauwega Area Fire District: Letter was received in response to the Town's proposal offered at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Weyauwega Area Fire District meeting. The WAFD board unanimously declined the Town's proposal.

Hwy 54 Letter to County Highway Department/WISDOT: Clerk Zielinski spoke with Waupaca County Highway Commissioner, Dean Steingraber about the condition and various concerns regarding Highway 54 through the Town. Mr. Steingraber advised that repairs to the Highway were not in the six-year plan and that it may be beneficial for the Town to send a letter to WISDOT emphasizing concerns. Clerk Zielinski drafted a letter for the Board to approve to be sent to Waupaca County Highway Department and Mr. Steingraber will also send correspondence to WISDOT.

Adopt Town Concealed Carry Resolution/Policy: After discussion with Town Attorney Sorenson, felt best to adopt an Ordinance rather than a Resolution. Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to authorize Attorney Sorenson to draft a Concealed Carry Ordinance. Second to the motion was made by Supervisor Freeman. Attorney Sorenson will draft an Ordinance and it will be Adopted at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Town Board Meeting.

Appoint Election Inspectors for 2012/2013 Elections: Motion to Appoint: Kathleen Bodoh, Catherine Stern, Marlene Scheid, Ron Heise, Joan Flease, Judy Gillis, Judy McDaniel, Sarah Hall, Donna Coyle, Maria Scherer, Evelyn Stern and Nina Kester as Election Inspectors for 2012/2013 Elections was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Correspondence Received: February Monthly Town Board Meeting will be changed to Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> due to the February 21<sup>st</sup> Primary.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shaw. Second by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk